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PART F: AIDS EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTERS PROGRAM

The AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program supports a network of 11 regional centers (and more than 130 local associated sites) that conduct targeted, multidisciplinary education and training programs for health care providers treating people living with HIV/AIDS. The AETCs serve all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the 6 U.S. Pacific Jurisdictions. The AETC Program increases the number of health care providers who are effectively educated and motivated to counsel, diagnose, treat, and medically manage people with HIV disease, and to help prevent high-risk behaviors that lead to HIV transmission.

PROVIDER TRAINING

Training is targeted to providers who serve minority populations, the homeless, rural communities, incarcerated persons, and Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program-funded sites. AETCs focus on training primary health care clinicians (physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists, pharmacists); training activities are based on assessed local needs. Emphasis is placed on interactive, hands-on training and clinical consultation to assist providers with complex issues, including those related to the management of highly active antiretroviral therapy. AETCs collaborate with other Ryan White-funded organizations, Area Health Education Centers, community-based HIV/AIDS organizations, and medical and health professional organizations. During the 2006–2007 grant year, more than 128,000 participants attended AETC training events. Clinicians trained by AETCs have been shown to be more competent with regard to HIV issues and more willing than other primary care providers to treat people with HIV disease.

NATIONAL CENTERS

Several national, cross-cutting AETC components support and complement the regional training centers, as follows:

THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM WORKS WITH CITIES, STATES, AND LOCAL COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO MORE THAN 500,000 INDIVIDUALS EACH YEAR WHO DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OR FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR COPING WITH HIV DISEASE. THE MAJORITY OF RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM FUNDS SUPPORT PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE AND ESSENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICES. A SMALLER BUT EQUALLY CRITICAL PORTION IS USED TO FUND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, CLINICAL TRAINING, AND RESEARCH ON INNOVATIVE MODELS OF CARE. THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM, FIRST AUTHORIZED IN 1990, IS CURRENTLY FUNDED AT \$2.1 BILLION.

❖ **The AETC National Resource Center** (www.aidsetc.org) is a Web-based HIV/AIDS training resource that supports the training needs of the regional AETCs through coordination of HIV/AIDS training materials, rapid dissemination of late-breaking advances in treatment and changes to treatment guidelines, and critical review of patient education materials.

❖ **The National Minority AETC** (www.nmaetc.org) offers clinical consultation and support to minority care providers, builds networks among them, and expands educational resources to increase the number of minority clinicians providing quality care to people who are HIV positive.

❖ **The AETC National Evaluation Center** (<http://aetec.ucsf.edu>) is responsible for program evaluation activities, including assessing the effectiveness of the AETCs' education, training, and consultation activities and outcomes on provider behavior and practice.



❖ **The National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center** (www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr) gives health care providers a national resource for timely and appropriate responses to clinical questions related to treatment of people with HIV disease ("WARMLINE": 800-933-3413, 8 AM–8PM EST M-F), possible health care worker exposure to HIV and

other blood-borne pathogens (PELine: 888-448-4911, 24/7), and issues specifically addressing pregnant women and their babies (Perinatal Hotline: 888-448-8765, 24/7).

The FY 2008 appropriation for the AETC program is \$34.1 million.

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REGIONAL CENTERS

- ❖ **Delta Region AETC**, serving Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
School of Public Health
Tel. 504-903-0788 www.deltaaetec.org
- ❖ **Florida/Caribbean AETC**, serving Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands
USF Center for HIV Education and Research
University of South Florida
Tel. 813-974-4430 www.FAETC.org
- ❖ **Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (MATEC)**, serving Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin
University of Illinois at Chicago
Chicago, IL 60608-1316
Tel. 312-996-1373 www.matec.info
- ❖ **Mountain Plains AETC**, serving Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming
Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases
University of Colorado Health Science Center
Tel. 303-724-0867 www.mpaetec.org
- ❖ **New England AETC**, serving Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
Office of Community Programs
University of Massachusetts Medical School
Tel. 617-262-5657 www.neaetec.org
- ❖ **New York/New Jersey AETC**, serving New Jersey and New York
Mailman School of Public Health
Columbia University, HIV Center
Tel. 212-304-5530 www.nynjaetec.org
- ❖ **Northwest AETC**, serving Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington
Center for Health Education and Research
University of Washington
Tel. 206-221-4964 www.northwestaetec.org

- ❖ **Pacific AETC**, serving Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the six U.S.-affiliated Pacific Jurisdictions
Department of Family and Community Medicine
University of California, San Francisco
Tel. 415-597-8198 www.ucsf.edu/paetec
- ❖ **Pennsylvania/MidAtlantic AETC**, serving Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia
University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health
Tel. 412-624-1895 www.pamaaetec.org
- ❖ **Southeast AETC (SEATEC)**, serving Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee
Department of Family and Preventive Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine
Tel. 404-727-2929 www.seatec.emory.edu
- ❖ **Texas/Oklahoma AETC**, serving Oklahoma and Texas
Parkland Health and Hospital System
Tel. 214-590-6685 www.aidseducation.org

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- ❖ **National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center**
Department of Family and Community Medicine
University of California, San Francisco
Tel. 415-206-5792 www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr
Warmline 800-933-3413 PELine 888-448-4911
Perinatal 888-448-8765
- ❖ **AETC National Evaluation Center**
AIDS Policy Research Center
University of California, San Francisco
Tel. 415-597-9186 www.aetecnec.ucsf.edu
- ❖ **National Minority AETC (NMAETC)**
Howard University
Tel. 202-865-8146 www.nmaetec.org/
- ❖ **AETC National Resource Center**
François-Xavier Bagnoud Center
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Tel. 973-972-6587 www.aidsnec.org/